

# CIA Pessimism

## Over Viets Not Policy

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WASHINGTON (UPI) —High administration officials said Saturday that a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) document declaring that victory over the Communists in South Viet Nam is doubtful and that eventually it may be necessary to make a "neutralization" deal, does not represent U. S. policy.

The 45-page paper was prepared by Willard Matthias of CIA's Board of National Estimates to assess developments in various parts of the world within the framework of the Soviet-American power relationship.

It was written early this year. It has been circulated among various government agencies with a notation that it had "general approval" of the CIA board which had, however, made no attempt "to reach complete agreement on every point of it."

Administration officials were obviously disturbed by the possible political implications of the document at this time inasmuch as Republican presidential nominee Barry M. Goldwater is charging them with a "no win" foreign policy.

Not Considered By Johnson

They said they wanted to emphasize that the paper had never been presented to or considered by President Johnson's

National Security Council nor the top level U. S. Intelligence Estimate Board.

Aside from the Viet Nam neutralization reference, the document appeared to be a routine summary of the obvious changes brought about by the nuclear stalemate of terror between Russia and the United States, complicated by the Red Chinese-Russian ideological conflict.

The fact that both the Soviet Union and the United States now have the nuclear capability to destroy each other "has not only depreciated the value of strategic power in the achievement of particular objectives; it has also come to circumscribe the use of other instruments of military power," the CIA paper says. "It has become increasingly difficult for either of the great powers to project its military power in conventional form into other areas of the world or into disputes which may arise."

### Leadership Lacking

The portion of the document on South Viet Nam which apparently touched a sensitive administrative nerve said:

"The counter-guerrilla effort continues to flounder, partly because of the inherent difficulty of the problem and partly because the late President Ngo Dinh Diem's successors have not yet demonstrated the leadership and the inspiration necessary. There remains serious doubt that victory can be won, and the situation remains very fragile. If large-scale U.S. support continues and if further political deterioration within South Viet Nam is prevented, at least a prolonged stalemate can be attained.

President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk have contended repeatedly that no compromise solution is possible until the Communists in South Viet Nam are beaten and Red China and North Viet Nam demonstrate they intend to "leave their neighbors alone."